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### CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON NEW \$100 MILLION TRUCK COMPLEX ON INTERSTATE 80 IN SOLANO COUNTY

**SOLANO COUNTY** – Caltrans, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) today broke ground on the Interstate 80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation Project in Fairfield. The project will reconstruct and modernize the Cordelia Truck Scales facility built in 1958. The new, nearly \$100 million complex will have greater capacity and better technology.

“Every investment we make in infrastructure is an investment that will help California’s economy,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “This project will make it easier for the CHP to inspect trucks quickly and keep goods from the Port of Oakland moving efficiently across the country.”

For more than 50 years, the Cordelia Truck Scales have served as an inspection point for trucks leaving the Port of Oakland, which loads and discharges more than 99 percent of the containerized goods moving through Northern California. Nearly 10,000 trucks a day travel from the Port along I-80 to Northern California and beyond. When the truck scales are backed up, it slows down the movement of goods heading across the country to supply manufacturing, retail, and service businesses.

The new facility will be constructed about a half mile east of the existing eastbound scales. It will include weigh-in-motion scales, which do not require trucks to come to a full stop to be weighed, making the process more efficient; multiple truck inspection bays; a new CHP administrative building; additional truck parking; and newly designed traffic lanes for trucks entering and exiting the truck scales.

“Not only will the half a century old facility be replaced with a new modern facility, but the new location and realignment will improve safety for truckers and motorists while merging on the I-80.” said Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi. “Safety is not only our number one priority; it is a part of Caltrans’ commitment to the motoring public, as well as our partners at the CHP and the Solano Transportation Authority.”

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CHP Commander Mike Ferrell said his agency is looking forward to the changes as well. “The current truck scales facility needs modernization, as it has exceeded its useful life. The new facility will allow CHP to become more efficient by improving truck inspection times.”

Jack Batchelor, Jr., Dixon Mayor and member of the Solano Transportation Authority said, “For truckers, it means a safer exit and reentrance onto I-80. For motorists, it means less time in traffic and more time to do what matters most. It is a winning combination for all.”

The project received 50 percent of its funding from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program and 50 percent from regional/local funds. Construction is scheduled to be complete in June 2013.

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